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Dear Mr. Kenney,

This letter is the final response to your June 29, 2018, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). You requested a copy of the USCG's report to Congress on the training and utilization of Forensic Experiential Trauma Interview (FETI) techniques by criminal investigators and judge advocates as outlined in Senate Report (114-49).

This is not a Denial. We conducted a comprehensive search of files within the USCG for records that would be responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate or identify any responsive records. We did identify that the Senate Committee Report (114-49) did contain a requirement for the Department of Defense Service Secretaries to submit a report to Congress that describes how widely FETI training has been provided to criminal investigators and judge advocates of that Service and plans for future training. However, this requirement was removed prior to enactment of the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016* (Pub. L. No. 114-92). Because this requirement was removed prior to enactment of the Law, the USCG did not complete this report to Congress.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the External Coordination Division directly at HQS-DG-1st-CG-823-CA@uscg.mil. You may send an e-mail to efoia@uscg.mil or you may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Mrs. Amanda Ackerson, at 202-475-3522 in the same manner. Additionally, you have a right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) which mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Contacting the FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not stop the 90-day appeal clock and is not a substitute for filing an administrative appeal. If you are requesting access to your own records (which is considered a Privacy Act request), you should know that OGIS does not have the authority to handle requests made under the Privacy Act of 1974. You may contact OGIS as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you have the right to appeal. Should you wish to do so, you must send your appeal and a copy of this letter, within 90 days of the date of this letter, to: Commandant (CG-611), ATTN: FOIA APPEALS, 2703 Martin Luther King

Ave STOP 7710, Washington DC, 20593-7710. Following the procedures outlined in the DHS regulations at 6 C.F.R. § 5.9. Your envelope and letter should be marked "FOIA Appeal." Copies of the FOIA and DHS regulations are available at www.dhs.gov/foia.

If you need to contact our office concerning this request, please call (202) 372-3536 and refer to FOIA Number 2018-CGFO-02050.

Sincerely,



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